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2001 (a copy of which is attached), it is respectfully submitted that the executed

Declaration was filed on August 21, 2001. A copy of the PTO mail room date-

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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

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